

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 29, 2014

The meeting was called to order in the Bromfield Cronin Auditorium at 7:05 p.m. by Moderator, Robert Eubank. The call of the meeting and the return of service were found to be in order by Town Clerk Janet A. Vellante.

Moderator Robert Eubank requested that the town allow the following non-voters to speak to the meeting if necessary:

Timothy Bragan	Town Administrator
Mark Lanza	Town Counsel
Lorraine Leonard	Finance Director
Richard Sicard	Fire Chief
Drayton Fair	LLB Architects

ARTICLE 1: PAY BILL(S) OF PRIOR FISCAL YEARS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum or sums of money to pay bills of Fiscal Year 2014, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Ronald Ricci, 19 East Bare Hill Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the Town transfer the sum of \$1,043.16. from Fiscal Year 2014 Certified Free Cash to pay the following outstanding bills of Fiscal Year 2014: (1) \$787.50. for CAI Technologies; and (2) \$255.66 for Belmont Springs.

ARTICLE 2: AMEND TOWN BUDGET – REDUCE RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2015 Budget approved at the April 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Article 7 by reducing the raise by taxation amount from \$21,952,080. to \$21,794,580 and by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account a sum of \$157,500., or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Ronald Ricci, 19 East Bare Hill Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted majority yes that the Town amend its vote under Article 7 of the Warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting as to the funding sources for the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget by reducing the

amount to be raised by taxation from \$21,952,080. to \$21,794,580. and by transferring from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account the sum of \$157,500., without any change to the total amount appropriated for said budget.

ARTICLE 3: CONTRACT(S) –WAGES and EXPENSES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds such sums as are necessary to be added to Article 7 of the April 1, 2014 Annual Town Meeting Warrant budget, in order to fund collective bargaining agreement(s), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Ronald Ricci, 19 East Bare Hill Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted unanimously yes that the sum of \$15,594. be raised by taxation and appropriated to fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and Department of Public Works Union and that the amount appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2015 Omnibus Budget under Article 7 of the Warrant for the 2014 Annual Town Meeting printed on page 28 of the Finance Committee book printed for said town meeting be increased by adding \$14,594. to Line 33 and by adding \$1,000 to Line 34 thereof.

A motion by Marie Sobalvarro, 1 St. John Lane, Human Resources, to move Article 5 before Article 4 was seconded and voted greater than 2/3rds yes.

ARTICLE 4: REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TOWN HALL

To see if the Town will hear the report of the Board of Selectmen regarding an update on the Town Hall Building Project and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the project and to lease space for relocating the town offices or take any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Inserted by Board of Selectmen)

The following motion was made by Lucy Wallace, 18 Orchard Hill, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

I move that the Town a.) hear the report of the Board of Selectmen regarding an update on the Town Hall Building Project; b.) authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the repair, restoration and renovation of the Town Hall conforming substantially, with the exception of minor modifications, to Plan 1b dated October 29, 2014, a copy of which plan is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk; and c.) authorize the Town, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, to lease, as lessee, space for a period not to exceed eighteen months for the temporary relocation of the Town Offices during the repair, restoration and renovation of Town Hall.

The Finance Committee voted unanimously yes to recommend the full motion.

Voted unanimously yes to a.) hear the report of the Board of Selectmen regarding an update on the Town Hall Building Project

Part b.):

The following motion was made by Billy Salter, 3 Elm Street, and seconded,

I move that the Town vote to approve and authorize Board of Selectmen to proceed with repair, restoration and renovation of the Town Hall conforming substantially to Plan 1B dated October 29, 2014, provided Plan 1B shall be modified such that it incorporates the "Best Practice" recommendations of the "Holland report," is explicitly intended to meet the needs of Town Hall staff and volunteer government, including appropriate support space and storage and a room with capacity of at least 40 for the BoS and similar meetings, complies with building codes without exception, and does not exceed \$3,970,000, as approved at ATM of April 28, 2012, article 18, to be expended under the direction of the BoS and a building or construction committee.

The Board of Selectmen did not accept the amendment.

A motion to amend the amendment to include the exterior only was made by Tim Schmoyer, 278 Stow Road but was not seconded.

A motion by Bruce Nickerson, 212 Stow Road, to move the amendment, was seconded and voted greater than 2/3rds yes.

The Salter amendment was voted majority no.

A motion by Paul Green, 288 Old Littleton Road, to move the question, was seconded and voted greater than 2/3rds yes.

Voted unanimously yes b.) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to proceed with the repair, restoration and renovation of the Town Hall conforming substantially, with the exception of minor modifications, to Plan 1b dated October 29, 2014, a copy of which plan is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Part c.):

A motion by Chuck Agosta, 124 Bolton Road, to move the question, was seconded and voted greater than 2/3rds yes.

Voted greater than 2/3rds yes c.) to authorize the Town, acting by and through its Board of Selectmen, to lease, as lessee, space for a period not to exceed eighteen months for the temporary relocation of the Town Offices during the repair, restoration and renovation of Town Hall.

ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND PERSONNEL BOARD – AMEND CHAPTER 78 OF THE CODE OF HARVARD

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 78, Personnel, of its General Bylaws to codify the role of the Assistant Town Administrator – Human Resources, to make clarifications as are necessary to make Chapter 78 consistent throughout with regard to Paid Time Off and to make other such changes to be consistent with law or common practice, as described in a document titled, “Chapter 78. Personnel Bylaw Amendment”, a copy of which is on file at Town Clerk’s Office and available for public inspection during regular business hours; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Stuart Sklar, 39 Scott Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted majority yes that the Town amend Chapter 78, Personnel, of the Town Code to a.) codify the role of the Assistant Town Administrator – Human Resources; b.) make revisions for the purpose of clarification as are necessary to make said Chapter 78 consistent throughout with regard to Paid Time Off; and c.) make other such changes to be consistent with law or common practice, as set forth in a document entitled, “Chapter 78. Personnel Bylaw Amendment”, a copy of which is on file at Town Clerk’s Office and available on the white, three page, double sided handout at this special town meeting.

ARTICLE 6: FISCAL YEAR 2014 CERTIFIED FREE CASH

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Fiscal Year 2014 Certified Free Cash to the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Alice vonLoesecke, 84 Warren Avenue, Finance Committee, and seconded,

Voted greater than 2/3rds yes that the Town transfer the balance of the Fiscal Year 2014 Certified Free Cash, \$615,773.84. to the Capital Stabilization and Investment Fund.

ARTICLE 7: REFURBISH FIRE TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Fire Chief, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to refurbish the Pumper Truck, with unexpended funds as of June 30, 2016 being returned to their

funding source, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

On a motion by Stuart Sklar, 39 Scott Road, Board of Selectmen, and seconded,

Voted majority yes to take no action.

The meeting was dissolved at 9:09 PM

Checkers for the meeting were Patti Anklam, Paul Green, Fran Maiore and Janet Wilhelm. They checked in 211 voters out of a total of 4171 registered voters (3971 active voters).

Respectfully submitted,

Janet A. Vellante
Town Clerk